

## THE STATE OF THE CHARITY

## For the Relief of Widows and Orphans of poor CLERGYMEN,

In WILTS, (who had been possessed of some Benefice or Curacy in the County) and in some Cases of distressed CLERGYMEN themselves.

Collected in the Archdeaconry of SARUM.

Deanries of WILTON and AMESBURY.

## BENEFACTORS. £. s. d.

HIS Grace the Duke of Queensberry	5	5	0
Right Hon. the Earl of Pembroke	2	2	0
Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor	5	5	0
Right Rev. the Ld. Bishop of Sarum	3	13	6
Right Hon. Lady Ranelagh	1	1	0
Hon. Mr. Fox	2	2	0
Hon. Henry Edward Fox	1	1	0
Rev. Dr. Green Dean of Sarum	3	3	0
Rev. Dr. Taylor Chancellor of Sarum	2	2	0
Rev. Dr. Dodwell Canon of Sarum	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Bowles of Heale	2	2	0
Henry Dawkins of Standlinch, Esq;	2	2	0
Thomas Hayter of Sarum, Esq;	2	2	0
Edward Poore of Sarum, Esq;	1	1	0
Harry Earle of Sarum, Esq;	1	1	0
Charles Spooner of Norman Court, Esq;	1	1	0
Dr. Heale of Sarum	1	1	0
Dr. Jacob of Sarum	1	1	0
Mr. Benj. Collins of Sarum	1	1	0
Mr. Thomas Frome of Sarum, deceas'd	1	1	0
	40	8	6

## SUBSCRIBERS.

Rev. Mr. Foster of Bridford	1	1	0
Mr. Nairn of Boscombe	0	10	6
Mr. Perfect of Cholderton	0	10	6
Mr. Ray of Dean	1	1	0
Mr. Matthews of Fisherton-Anger	0	10	6
Mr. Wells of Farley	0	10	6
Mr. Bowles of Heale	1	1	0
Mr. Keble of Newton-Tony	1	1	0
Dr. Samber Subdean of Sarum	1	1	0
Dr. Baker of Sarum	1	1	0
Mr. Rand of Sarum, Steward	1	1	0
Mr. Hawes of Wilton St. Mary	1	1	0
Mr. Brodie of Winterflow, Steward	1	1	0
Mr. Smith of Winterborne, 3 Years	1	11	6
Dr. Harington of Woodford	1	1	0
	14	3	6
	40	8	6
	54	12	0

## Deanry of WILEY.

BENEFACTORS.			
William Chafin Groves of Zeales, Esq;	5	5	0
Thomas Phipps of Haywood, Esq; 2 Years	4	4	0
James Harding of Mere, Esq;	2	2	0
William Buckler of Boreham, Esq;	2	2	0
Daniel Eyre of Farnham, Esq;	2	2	0
Mrs. Catharine Eyre of Farnham	1	1	0
John Wadman of Imber, Esq;	1	1	0
Rev. Dr. Dampier of Wiley	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Head of Orcheston	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Bingham of Ashton	0	10	6
A Lady unknown, by the Rev. Mr. Barton	1	1	0
	21	10	6

## SUBSCRIBERS.

Rev. Dr. Swanne of Boyton	1	1	0
Mr. Rogers of Brixton Deverell	1	1	0
Mr. Fisher of Bishopstrow	0	10	6
Mr. Kellow of Codford	1	1	0
Mr. Dobson of Deverel-Longbridge	1	1	0
Mr. Creamer of Heitesbury	0	10	6
Mr. Staples of Mere	0	10	6
Mr. Barton of Stourton, Steward	1	1	0
Mr. Forde of Steeple Longford, Treasurer	1	1	0
Mr. Barry of Upton Scudamore	0	10	6
Mr. Davidson of Veny Sutton	1	1	0
Dr. Dampier of Wiley	1	1	0
Dr. Eyre of Wiley, Steward	1	1	0
Mr. Hewit of Westbury	0	10	6
	12	1	6
	21	10	6
	33	12	0

## Deanry of CHALK.

BENEFACTORS.			
Sir Alexander Powell, Knt. of Hurdcott	2	2	0
Ch. Penruddocke of Compton Chamb, Esq;	2	2	0
William Wyndham of Dinton, Esq;	2	2	0
Mrs. Beckford of Fonthill	2	2	0
Mrs. Penruddocke of Baverstock	1	1	0
Will. Burleton of Donhead St. Mary, Esq;	1	1	0
William Batt of New Hall, Esq;	1	1	0
Rev. Dr. Wake Prebend of Westminster	1	1	0
Rev. Mr. Rolles of Barwick St. John	1	1	0

The Clergy are desired to bring or send their intended Benefactions, or Subscriptions, to the Stewards, at the next Visitation; that the Stewards may be more at Liberty to wait on the Gentlemen of the Laity. N. B. The Clergy of the several Deanries within the County of Wilts, take this Opportunity to return their Thanks to such of the Laity as have encouraged this charitable Design.

## For the YEAR 1770.

Rev. Mr. Bowles of Donhead St. Andrew

1 1 0

14 14 0

S U B S C R I B E R S.

Rev. Mr. Barford of Bishopstone

1 1 0

Rev. Mr. Chaffy of Broad Chalk, Steward

1 1 0

Mr. Nicolson of Barf. St. Martin, Steward

0 5 0

Mr. Head of Compton Chamberlayne

1 1 0

Dr. Hafeldine of Dinton

1 1 0

Mr. Haynes of Damerham

1 1 0

Mr. Bowles of Donhead St. Andrew

1 1 0

Mr. Smith of Donhead St. Andrew

0 5 0

Dr. Wake of East Knoyle

1 1 0

Mr. Rust of East Knoyle

0 10 6

Mr. Waterman of Ebbesborne

0 10 6

Mr. Humphris of Fonthill Bishop

0 10 6

Dr. Eyre of Fovant

1 1 0

Mr. Nairn of Hindon

0 10 6

Mr. Bedwell of Teffont Evias

1 1 0

Mr. Thomas of Tisbury

1 1 0

Mr. Baker of Buttermere

1 1 0

Mr. Clavering of Broad-Hinton, Steward

0 10 6

Mr. Tomlins of Colingbourne-Ducis

1 1 0

Mr. Stock of Chisulden

1 1 0

Mr. Gifford of Chilton-Foliat

1 1 0

Mr. Roys of Chute

0 10 6

Mr. Goddard of Cliffe-Pypard

1 1 0

Dr. Starky of Everly

1 1 0

Mr. Hill of Froxfield

0 10 6

Dr. Harrison of Great Bedwin

1 1 0

Mr. Willis of Little Bedwin

0 10 6

Mr. Jenner of Great Bedwin

0 10 6

Mr. Bromwich of Kennet

0 5 3

Mr. Curtoys of Milton Lilbourne

0 10 6

Mr. Whinfield of Marlborough St. Mary

1 1 0

Mr. Meyler of Marlborough

0 10 6

Mr. Pocock of Mildenhall

1 1 0

Mr. Wells of Manningford-Bruce

0 10 6

Mr. Adams of Manningford-Abbas

0 10 6

Mr. Liddiard of Ogbourne St. Andrew

1 1 0

Dr. Moore of Overton

1 1 0

Mr. Cave of Overton

1 1 0

Mr. Townsend of Pewsey

1 1 0

Mr. Garrard Senior of Ramsbury

0 10 6

Mr. Mayo of Wootton Rivers

1 1 0

Mr. Gibbs of Woodborough

0 10 6

Mr. Hall of Winterbourne Bassett

1 1 0

Arthur Jones of Averbury, Esq;

R U L E S agreed upon at the last Meeting held at the DEVIZES the 26th Day of MAY, 1770, for the future Regulation of this C H A R I T Y.

I. **T**HAT two Stewards for each District be annually chosen at the Bishop's or Archdeacon's Visitation, in Order to solicit, and receive Subscriptions and Benefactions.

II. That two general Meetings of the Treasurers, Stewards, and Subscribers, be holden every Year, one on the last Tuesday in September, the other on the last Tuesday in April, at the Town of Devizes.

III. That the Stewards be requested to make their Collections before the Meeting in September, and then to pay the same into the Hands of their respective Treasurer.

IV. That the principal Business of the Meeting in September, be to receive Petitions, and grant such Relief as the Cases of the respective Petitioners shall, to the Stewards and Subscribers present, seem to demand.

V. That no Relief be granted, but at this Meeting only, except in Cases of urgent Necessity, in which any Steward, with the Approbation of three or more Subscribers or Benefactors, under their Hands, shall have Power to grant it.

VI. That at the Meeting in April the Accounts of the Treasurers of the preceding Year be audited, Lists of the Subscriptions, Benefactions and Legacies, with the Names of the Benefactors, &c. be in such Manner prepared, that they may immediately be printed, and presented to the several Contributors. And that a Treasurer be at the same Time appointed for the succeeding Year in each Archdeaconry.

VII. That the principal Objects of this Charity, be Clergymen possessed of some Benefice or Curacy in this County, or their Children, or the Widows or Orphans of those who have died so possessed.

VIII. That no incumbent, in Respect to him-

self alone, be considered as an Object, who hath an annual Income exceeding the Sum of 80l. or a Curate with an Income of 40l. unless he be incapacitated from discharging the Duties of his Function by old age, Insanity, &c. &c. &c. And on this Condition also that his Cure be properly supplied.

IX. That no Clergyman, who does not subscribe to this Charity, shall, in his own Person, or Family, be intitled to the Benefit of it.

X. That every Subscriber, withdrawing his Subscription, for two Years together, if applied to, shall be judged to be precluded from the Assurances of this Society.

XI. That no Clergyman, except the Bishop, Dean, Archdeacons, and other Dignitaries, subscribe above one Guinea, or one for each Benefice, in Case he holds more than one, nor less than five Shillings; with respect to Benefactions, every one is left at Liberty without Limitation.

XII. That no Curate shall be considered as an Object, who shall not have officiated in some one Parish, or under one Incumbent in this County, for at least the Space of one Year.

XIII. That no Widow or Child of a Clergyman shall be relieved, who has a clear Income of 20l. per Ann. arising either from Lands, Chattels, or other charitable Establishments.

XIV. That no Clergyman's Widow shall have Benefit from this Charity, unless she continues a Widow;—nor Daughter under Coverture;—nor Son after Marriage, or after having been apprenticed.

XV. That no one be relieved without a Petition signed by the Petitioner, setting forth his or her particular Circumstances. As also a Certificate under the Hands of the Minister of the Parish where the Petitioner usually resides, and two or

more Subscribers or Benefactors, attesting the Truth of the Petition, and certifying, that the Petitioner is of a good Character and Reputation, and a constant Frequenter, if not disabled, of the Service of the Church of England.

XVI. That such as shall desire the continuance of Relief, shall yearly produce fresh Petitions and Certificates, together with attested Receipts of the Pension that had been granted to them the preceding Year.

XVII. That any fraudulent Representation of the Circumstances of a Petitioner, be considered as an absolute Disqualification of such Petitioner for ever.

XVIII. That a Chairman be appointed at every general Meeting from the Subscribers present.

Form of P E T I T I O N.

To the Society for the Relief of poor Clergymen possessed of Benefices, or Curacies in the County of Wilts, and of the Widows and Children of those who died so possessed.

The Petition of A. B. of the Parish of C. in the County of D. humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner is the Widow of the Rev. E. F. late Rector, &c. of the Parish of G. in the County of Wilts; resides in the Parish of C. aforesaid, is in the Year of Age, has laboured under for Years last past, has Children unprovided for; and having only per Ann. arising from Money at Interest Pounds per Ann. issuing from Lands in the Parish of S. six Pounds yearly granted by the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy; and yearly from the Widows College

at the whole not amounting to 20l. per Ann. And therefore prays such Relief as to this Society shall seem meet.

A. B.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

We whose Names are under-written, personally know the Petitioner, believe the Allegations of her Petition to be true; and that she is a Person of good Character and Reputation, and a constant Frequenter of the Service of the Church of England, of which she professes herself a Member.

H. J. Minister of the Parish of C.  
K. L. Subscriber.  
M. N. Benefactor.

Please to pay the Petitioner, or her Order, the Sum of which we have judged proper to appoint her, in Consideration of the urgent Necessity of her Case.

To the Treasurer of  
Archdeaconry.  
T. V. Steward,  
W. X.  
Y. Z. Subscriber,  
U. J. Benefactor.

R E C E I P T.

Day of 17 Received then by the  
Hands of O. P. Pounds being the Pension  
allowed to me the Day of September last, by this  
Society.

A. B.

Witness Q. R.